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# News Release

## **ICE ARRESTS 2 SUR-13 GANG MEMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

Charlotte, NC-- Two 21-year-old members of the dangerous SUR-13 street gang were arrested here on Monday by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Jose Diego Serrano-Nunez and Jose Alejandro Gonzalez-Rodriguez have been charged with being in the country illegally. Both are citizens of Mexico previously arrested for being in possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

“These arrests demonstrate our continuing commitment to keeping our community safe from the violent activities of these gangs as we restore integrity to our nation’s immigration system,” said Jeff Jordon, assistant special agent-in-charge in North Carolina.

Serrano-Nunez and Gonzalez-Rodriguez are being held at the Mecklenburg County Jail without bond pending the outcome of their cases.

These are the latest enforcement actions under Operation Community Shield, an ICE anti-gang initiative launched in February to disrupt, dismantle and assist in criminal prosecution of violent gangs by employing the full range of authorities available to ICE. The initial target of Operation Community Shield was MS-13, which is the largest and most violent street gang in the country.

In May 2005, ICE expanded Operation Community Shield to include all criminal street gangs with foreign-born members. With the launch of this second phase, ICE’s Operation Community shield aims to ensure that gang members have no safe haven in our nation’s communities. Since the launch of Operation Community Shield, there have been more than 1,300 street gang members arrested nationwide.

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